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Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Walter McDonald  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for International Affairs  
Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20461

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The DCI has just completed his review of issues raised during the preparation of the proposed FY 1980 budget. After careful consideration of your comments, those of the departments, the Resource Management and Collection Tasking Staffs, and the OMB, he concurs with your recommended decision unit ranking.

This decision will be reflected in a revised budget ranking which will be sent to you tomorrow. The DCI's tentative decision is being sent now in order to give you the opportunity to start your assessment of the impact it will have on your budget. A written reclama, incorporating your views will be welcome as soon as possible, but it must be received no later than noon Saturday if it is to have effect. The DCI will be making his final decisions on Sunday, 12 November.

Admiral Turner will weigh carefully your observations and the opinions of the PRC(I) members, especially in light of the cautionary notes from the OMB and NSC Staffs regarding the guidance level. What would be most useful to him is an assessment of the problems which would result should you be forced to accept a TOA level for your program at levels at or below OMB guidance.

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The tentative decisions on the issues are as follows:

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